

PLANNER II

Class Definition

Under supervision, compiles, analyzes, and interprets data related to social, economic, population, and land use trends; and prepares written reports on various planning matters and elements of the General Plan.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Planner II is the journey level class in the professional planning series of the Development Department. The Development Department is responsible for coordinating the preparation of final project reports of survey and planning activities, including preliminary engineering design and cost estimates, and planning analyses and proposals. Incumbents in this class perform the full range of planning duties and may be assigned to various sections within the Development Department. This class differs from that of the next lower level of Planner I, in that the latter is the entry level class in which incumbents are trained to perform the full range of duties under close supervision. This class differs from Planner III in that the III is the advanced working level class in the series in which incumbents perform the more difficult assignments and may have, lead responsibilities.

Typical Tasks

(Incumbents may not be assigned all duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be assigned.)

Compiles, analyzes, and interprets data related to social, economic, population, and land use trends.

Prepares written reports on various planning matters and elements of the General Plan.

Participates in the preparation of graphic materials, comprehensive reports, or special reports concerned with planning issues amid elements of the General Plan.

Prepares information and provides assistance to governmental agencies and individual citizens on matters relating to planning issues, property use regulations, and other planning functions.

Accepts and processes entitlement applications at the public counter.

Conducts special studies of land use, land economics, urban design, and other factors related to planning or zoning.

Analyzes site plans, development plans, and subdivision maps.

May attend meetings of the Planning Commission to advise, observe, present testimony, and assist in their deliberations.

Conducts research and studies leading to the preparation of reference standards and criteria for environmental controls, site utilization, urban growth, and the provision of urban services.

Works with citizen groups in the development, review, and implementation of Community Plans and planning policies.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills

Knowledge of the standard terminology, techniques, and practices of modern urban planning.

Knowledge of planning research, technical writing, urban design, and drafting techniques.

Ability to perform calculations accurately and quickly.

Ability to interpret City zoning regulations and planning policies to the general public.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and the general public.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Mathematical skills related to planning and statistical research.

Minimum Qualifications

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelors degree in urban planning, architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, geography, or closely related field; and six (6) months of experience similar to that gained as a Planner I in the City service. Related technical planning experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.

Necessary Special Requirements

Possession of a valid California Driver's License at time of appointment.

APPROVED: _____
Director of Personnel

DATE: _____